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In re Application of :  
Thomas E. Walker :  
Application No. 10/713,987 :  
Filed: November 14, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket Number: :  
LK9-03-001 : ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petitions filed alternatively under 37 CFR §§ 1.181, 137(a), and 137(b), filed June 22, 2005.

The Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is hereby dismissed.

The Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is hereby dismissed.

The Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is being held in abeyance.

Any further petition to revive the above-identified application must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 2, 2004. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply. No response having been received, the application became abandoned on October 3, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 25, 2005.

Applicant files the instant petition wherein Applicant avers that he did not receive the Notice.

Applicant is advised that an allegation that an Office action was not received may form the basis for revival of an application based upon unavoidable abandonment. If the allegation is adequately supported, the petition may be granted

and a new Office action mailed. The showing required to establish non-receipt of an Office communication must include:

1. A statement from the Applicant stating that the Office communication was not received by the Applicant and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicate that the Office communication was not received.
2. A copy of the file jacket or docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in Applicant's statement.

Accordingly, Applicant's assertion, that the Office action was not received, is insufficient to justify granting of the petition. Applicant must also provide a copy of the docket record (or file jacket) where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

As such, the petitions under 37 CFR 1.181 and 37 CFR 1.137(a) are dismissed.

Applicant should file a Request for Reconsideration of Petition and include the necessary statements and copies of documents.

A decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) will be held in abeyance pending Applicant's response to this Decision.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Derek L. Woods".

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